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(*b*) the action taken thereon; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any proposal to run buses on the road leading to Salem from Vepur?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: (*a*) No petitions were received.

(*b*) Does not arise.

(*c*) No, Sir.

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU: விருத்தாசலம்-வேபூர்-சேலம் போகும் ரோடு நீண்டநாளாக ரிப்பேர் செய்யப்படாமல் இருப்பதால் அந்தப் பக்கத்திலே ஜன போக்குவரத்து மிகக் கஷ்டமாக இருக்கிறது. ஆதலால் கூடிய சீக்கிரத்தில் அந்த ரோடை ட்ராபிக் ரோடாகச் செய்து, பஸ் போக்குவரத்து ஏற்படுத்த சர்க்கார் நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI: இப்போதுதான் கனம் அங்கத்தினர் அதைப்பற்றி என்னிடம் சொல்லுகிறார். இனிமேல் அதைப் பற்றி யோசிக்கவேண்டும்.

House-sites for Harijans in Malabar

* 2565 *Q*.—SRI M. CHADAYAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Harijan families of Malabar district have been granted house-sites last year;

(*b*) whether the Government have appointed any Special Officer to acquire land for house-sites for the Harijans of Malabar; and

(*c*) if so, the length of time allotted to him to complete the work?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: (*a*) During the year 1954 no Harijan families were granted house-sites in Malabar district. Acquisition proceedings have however been initiated to provide house-sites for 50 families.

(*b*) & (*c*) A special staff of one Tahsildar and one Revenue Inspector has been sanctioned in April 1955, up to 29th February 1956, to expedite the pace of land acquisition work. No time-limit has been fixed for the completion of the work. If the work is not completed within the period of sanction, the question of extension of the term of the special staff will be considered.

SRI M. CHADAYAN: മിസ്റ്റർ സ്പീക്കർ, സർ, മലബാറിലെ ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു സ്ഥലം എടുത്തുകൊടുക്കാൻവേണ്ടി ഒരു സ്പെഷ്യൽ തഹസിൽദാരേയും ഒരു റവന്യൂ ഇൻസ്പെക്ടരേയും നിയമിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. എന്നാൽ അവിടെ ഒരൊററ ഹരിജനുപോലും സ്ഥലം എടുത്തുകൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല. ഹരിജനങ്ങൾക്കു വീടുണ്ടാക്കികൊടുക്കുകയെന്നുള്ളത് അടിയന്തിരമായി ചെയ്യേണ്ട ഒരു കാര്യമായതുകൊണ്ടു കൂടുതൽ സ്റ്റാഫിനെ നിയമിച്ചു അക്കാര്യത്തിൽ വേണ്ട നടപടി ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടു എടുക്കുമോ ?

MR. SPEAKER: The question put is "Though special staff has been appointed, not a single house-site for Harijans has yet been acquired. Will the Government be pleased to say why?"

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: Proposals for acquiring 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are under examination by the Collector. I hope that within the prescribed time house-sites would be acquired and allotted.

SRI O. KORAN: It is understood that 300 sites have been ordered to be acquired. After the passing of the Malabar Tenancy Act of 1954, many Harijans were evicted from their ulkudis by their influential landlords and as a result they are without house-sites. In view of this position, will the Government consider the desirability of acquiring more house-sites for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN: I have just now answered that 300 ulkudis and 1,000 house-sites are proposed to be acquired.

Language Pandits

9-20 a.m. * 2566 *Q*.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether language Pandits are classified into two grades, namely, I Grade and II Grade;

(*b*) the principle governing such classification;

(*c*) the qualifications for getting classification as I Grade and II Grade by (1) Tamil Pandits, (2) Sanskrit Pandits and (3) Hindi Pandits; and

(*d*) the scales of pay, etc., paid to pandits under each grade and language mentioned in item (*c*)?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Pandits admitted to the Grade I scale of pay should have, besides the prescribed qualifications, work for not less than 17 hours per week in the higher forms (IV to VI) of High Schools. Other Pandits will be eligible for pay in the Grade II scale.

(*c*) & (*d*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House.

Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953

* 2567 *Q*.—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri S. Pakkiriswami Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the names of the Engineering firms closed in the City of Madras after the Industrial Disputes (Amendment) Act, 1953 came into force;

(*b*) the reasons therefor;

(*c*) the number of workers laid off retrenched or kept out of work in each case; and

[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 561–562 infra.